



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 2 2017

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WELCOME TO TERM 2

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



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Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Tuesday & Friday
Library & Indonesian - Wednesday
Chess - Wednesday
School Prayer - Monday morning in the Church 9am
Module Prayer - Friday morning
Assembly - Friday 1:40pm

Important Dates:

15/5: School Photos (full winter school uniform)
18/5: Rostrum Finals 2pm
19/5: Athletics Carnival
26/5: Confirmation Retreat Day
28/5: Confirmation Masses
29/5: 5/6 Monday Prayer
2/6: Da Vinci Decathlon
2/6: 5/6K Assembly
8/6: Music Aviva
9/6: Winter Woolies Day
12/6: Queen's Birthday Holiday
13/6: Qwestacon Incursion
19/6: 5/6P Monday Prayer
23/6: 5/6 Assembly
26/6: 5/6K Monday Prayer
23/6: Reports home
28/6: School Disco
30/6: St Thomas Feast Day
30/6: Term 2 ends

Please check the school newsletter and the Skoolbag app for updated dates throughout the term.

Welcome to Term 2. We hope you had an restful break. Term 2 will be busy for all of us with NAPLAN, Confirmation, school reports and St Thomas Feast Day being some of the events occurring.

Curriculum

Religion: In this unit, the children will learn about the development of the early Catholic Church in Australia. There will be a Confirmation Retreat Day on Friday, 26th May and Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 28th May at the 8am and 10am Masses.

English: In English we will continue to explore a variety of literary forms and genres as we develop their skills in reading, listening and viewing and in comprehension, spelling, writing, and oral language. We are continuing to read our class novel for this term, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Mathematics: This term we will continue to use an investigation format to look at all strands of Mathematics. We encourage the children to continue practising their time tables with the children to support their progression.

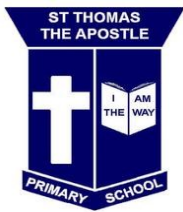
PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Tuesday and Friday**. The children will need to be in full sports uniform on these days. The students will participate in the Footsteps Dance Program on Tuesday's. The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 19th May.

Pathways: The school has moved to a concept based, integrated curriculum. This term the focus is 'Sustainability'. The students will be learning about how to sustain the environment, the society and the economy. At the end of term, the children will participate in a 'Travel Expo' to showcase their knowledge.

Arts: Visual Arts will be integrated across the curriculum and will continue to develop the children's skills in sculpting, drawing and design. In Drama, the children will be exploring dramatic techniques.

The children will attend Chess lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Chess, Indonesian & Library: Chess has now moved to Wednesday afternoons, with Library and Indonesian. We encourage students to borrow from the class, school and public libraries.



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Important Information:

Module Prayer: A reminder that every Friday morning we participate in prayer. Parents and families are most welcome to join us in the Church for Mass, Module Prayer and Monday Prayer.

Uniform Expectations: Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled. Accessories such as coats and hair ribbons should be in school colours. Earrings should be simple sleepers or studs and nail polish is not to be worn. Socks should be plain and above the ankle.

Representative Sport: Please be aware that children in Years 5 and 6 are eligible to trial for the Tuggeranong representative sports teams. All information is available on the School Sport ACT website, www.schoolsportact.asn.au

Fruit Break and Water: Please ensure you send in a water bottle and a piece of fruit for your child daily. We ask that this is a small fruit snack only.

Home Learning: Home learning in primary school has many purposes. One of the most important is the setting of good routines. We ask all parents to help your child set up these good routines by making time to do the home learning. Work should be neatly finished and returned to school on time. Parents please give assistance as necessary, especially during research times. Home learning is sent home on a Monday and is due the following Monday.

Home learning Time Guide for Years 5/6: 30 minutes of activities and 15 minutes reading - 4 nights per week.

Medications: If your child is sick and requires medication to be given at school, it is part of the school policy that you provide a written note outlining its administration. All medication is distributed by the staff in the Front Office.

Nut Allergies: St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment due to many children having severe nut allergies. Please ensure you do not pack any nuts or nut products (e.g. nutella, peanut butter, satays) in your child's lunch box. For this same reason sharing food is not permitted.

Absent Notes: A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. You are able to use the St. Thomas Skoolbag app for this. Please support us in reducing paperwork and administration time by returning these notes the day that the students return.

Early pick up or late arrival: Please pick up children from the Front Office if they are leaving for appointments during school hours. A note should be sent to the class teacher to indicate this will happen. The office staff will call for your children to come to the office.

School starts at 9.00am. If your child arrives after this, you must report to the Front Office to sign-in.

Birthdays: If you wish to send in cake for your child's birthday we are more than happy to celebrate with the class. We encourage you to send cupcakes (not whole cakes) as they are easier to distribute and we do not keep knives in the classroom for safety reasons.

Teacher Interviews: Interviews were held in Week 10 of Term 1. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to call and make an appointment during the term if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

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